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REMARKS

After entry of the present amendments Claims 1-33 and 36-38 will be pending. Claim 31 is amended herein to depend from Claim 1 and Claims 34-35 are canceled. New Claims 36-38 are added. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and claims as filed. No new matter is added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims into six groups: Group I (claims 1-20), Group II (claims 21-30), Group III (claims 31, 34, and 35), Group IV (claims 33-35), Group V (claims 34-35), and Group VI (claims 32).

Applicants note that the Examiner found Claims 34 and 35 to be part of Groups III, IV, and V.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Claim 31 is amended herein to depend from Claim 1 and new Claims 36 and 37 depend from Claim 31. New Claim 38 depends from Claim 2, which depends from Claim 1. Thus, these claims should be examined with Group I.

Claims 21-23 are product-by-process claims that depend from Claim 1 and Claims 32-33 are product-by-process claims that depend from Claim 31, which now depends from Claim 1. Thus, the product-by-process claims made by the recited processes should also be examined with Group I.

Applicants also submit that Claims 24-30 should also be examined with Group I because there is little if any additional search burden to include these composition claims. For example, the composition recited in Claim 24 is the same as the composition produced in the method recited in Claim 2.

Species election

The Examiner also required the election of various species. Applicants elect hydrolysis by enzymatic means with the enzyme sourced from species *Kluyveromyces*. Applicants elect isomerisation by enzymatic means with the enzyme sourced from species *Bacillus*. Applicants elect oxidation by enzymatic means with the enzyme sourced from species *Penicillium*.

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Applicants submit that Claims 1-12, 15, 17-23, 31-33, and 36-38 are readable on the elected species.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of any withdrawn claims.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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